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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern Area Commander, Lt. General R.K. Nanavatii has warned that the tension is mounting alongthe border with Pakistan and that the current situation is similar to the one that existed just before the 1965 war erupted;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): Army Commander, Northern Command had made certain observations during the course of a key-note address delivered by him at the University of Jammu recently about Pakistan continuing a covert war and its support to terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir and the resolve of the nation to tackle the threat effectively. Government have seen certain media reports on the subject where a few of such observations have been exaggerated.